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OF THE WORLD FOOD COUNCIL (WFC)

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1. EMBOFF SPOKE WITH DR. GRABISCH, FRG MINAGR, WHO  
WILL BE DELEGATE TO FOURTH WFC IN MEXICO, ON 15  
FEBRUARY. GRABISCH, WHO WAS ALREADY IN RECEIPT OF THE  
TENTATIVE AGENDA, SAID THE FRG HAD INFORMALLY INFORMED  
THE SECRETARIAT OF THE WFC AS FOLLOWS:

A. AGENDA ITEM 3: THIS IS A ROUTINE MATTER WHICH  
SHOULD BE DEALT WITH BY THE PREPCOM RATHER THAN AT THE  
MINISTERIAL LEVEL. THE FRG IS OF THE OPINION THAT THE  
ITEM ITSELF SHOULD ALWAYS REMAIN ON THE AGENDA, BUT  
SHOULD IN FACT BE HANDLED BY THE PREPCOM RATHER THAN  
BY THE MINISTERS.

B. AGENDA ITEM 4 (A): THERE IS NO NEED TO DISCUSS  
THIS ITEM AT THE MINISTERIAL MEETING. THE ITEM SHOULD  
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ONLY BE INCLUDED IN THE AGENDA ON AN "INFORMATIONAL  
BASIS." IN VIEW OF THE PLANNED WORLD CONFERENCE ON  
RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND AGRARIAN REFORM IN 1979, A SHORT,  
ONE-PAGE SUMMARY PAPER, OUTLINING THE CONFERENCE  
AND OTHER MOVES IN THE FIELD SHOULD SUFFICE.

C. AGENDA ITEM 4 (B): THE ISSUE OF SETTING UP A

RESEARCH FACILITY IS UNDER DISCUSSION IN OTHER FORA AND IS BETTER LEFT IN THOSE FORA RATHER THAN THE MINISTERIAL MEETING.

THUS, WE ARE LEFT WITH ONLY ONE SUBSTANTIAL ITEM FOR DISCUSSION BY THE MINISTERIAL LEVEL: AGENDA ITEM 5, IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MANILA COMMUNIQUE.

2. IN ADDITION, THE FRG DELEGATION IS OF THE OPINION AND HAS ALSO INFORMALLY INFORMED THE WFC SECRETARIAT THAT NO FURTHER COMMUNIQUE OR RESOLUTIONS SHOULD BE ISSUED, SUCH AS THE ALL-ENCOMPASSING MANILA COMMUNIQUE. RATHER, THEY WOULD PREFER TO SEE A REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE, INCLUDING CONCRETE, PRECISE RECOMMENDATIONS.

3. GRABISCH SAID THAT HE LOOKS FORWARD TO CONTINUED CLOSE COOPERATION WITH THE US DELEGATION AND WOULD APPRECIATE BEING INFORMED OF THE US POSITION AS IT DEVELOPS. DOES IN FACT THE GERMAN POSITION AS REPORTED ABOVE AGREE WITH THE PRELIMINARY THINKING OF THE US DELEGATION?

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